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From: Sarah Palin [govpalin@yahoo.com]

Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 6:32 PM

To: Meghan Stapleton

Cc: mike_tibbles@gov.state.ak.us; tibbles@alaska.net

Subject: Re: FW: McNeil story add

Thanks Meg.

The Game Board will be addressing the issue, evidently.

I am a hunter. I grew up hunting - some of my best memories growing up are of hunting with my dad to help feel our freezer... I want Alaskans to have access to wildlife...

BUT - he's asking if I support hunting the bears in the sanctuary? No, I don't... I don't know any Alaskans who do support hunting the McNeil bears that frequent the viewing area. Many Alaskan and Outside visitors view these animals on the McNeil river, within the sanctuary, and, as my parents have reported back after their viewing trip, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience to see such beauty on that river.

Alaska is a huge state. There are many, many areas that should be supported for access to wildlife resources... who's pushing for the hunt at McNeil?

(I don't know who's pushing the issue unless it's a few guides who take Outside hunters who pay thousands and thousands of dollars to hunt near the area because it may be an easy hunt.)

We need to find out what exactly the proposal is that is (or will be) in front of the Game Board, as the issue comes across sounding like it's "do you support killing bears in the sanctuary or not?", but there usually is more to the issue than a strong opponent (like Bill S.) leads one to believe. Knowing what I know of the issue thus far - I don't support hunting the bears that frequent the viewing area/sanctuary.

Meghan Stapleton <meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us> wrote:

> Governor,
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> They are truly pains as you will see in the passing notes below. You and I have spoken a couple of times about this - perhaps you could add insight to a few questions surrounding McNeil bears - do you support hunting in the area? Would you support hunting in the refuge itself?
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> As soon as you can - this one is nasty.
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> Thanks,
> meghan
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> -----Original Message-----
> From: Bill Sherwonit [mailto:akgriz@hotmail.com]
> Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 12:54 PM

To: meghan_stapleton@gov.state.ak.us
Cc: dsetton@nhmag.com
Subject: RE: McNeil story add

Meghan --
Well, the holidays are behind us, we've entered a new year, and nearly a week has passed since our last email exchange, so I assume you've now had time to sit down with Gov. Palin to discuss various issues, including wildlife management I hope. I noticed that Gov. Palin had time to attend the

UAA-UAF Governor's Cup hockey game during the holidays, so perhaps she can take a few moments to address bear hunting near McNeil sanctuary. Time to add her perspective is quickly running out. Thanks, in advance, for trying again to get some sort of comment.
Bill Sherwonit

From: Meghan Stapleton
To: 'Bill Sherwonit'
Subject: RE: McNeil story add
Date: Wed, 27 Dec 2006 09:10:01 -0900

As you can imagine, serving the Governor on a part-time basis has placed burdens on all aspects of the media. I am working as best I can on following

up with the Governor on myriad issues, including this one. She and I have not had the chance to sit down. I understand your deadlines and ask for your forgiveness - I just need to understand how she feels so that I can forward that to you. Last week was consumed with transition reports for entire days and then I left for the East Coast for the Holidays. Beginning today, I am with the Governor full-time, as I have fully transitioned away from my old job.

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From: Ivy Frye [Ivy_Frye@gov.state.ak.us]

Sent: Tuesday, January 02, 2007 9:52 AM

To: 'Mike Tibbles'; Nizich; Michael A (GOV)

Cc: govpalin@yahoo.com

Subject: North Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Thank you for your time.

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